Senate Bill No. 73

CHAPTER 592

An act relating to public postsecondary education, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 73, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Public postsecondary education: master's degree nursing programs.

This bill would appropriate \$3,440,000, as scheduled, from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University for the 2005-06 fiscal year for one-time expenditures for instructional equipment, classroom and laboratory renovations, curriculum development, and faculty recruitment.

The bill would require that, pursuant to funding to be appropriated in the Budget Act of 2006, the regents and the trustees increase, by at least 130, the number of full-time equivalent students in entry-level master's degree nursing programs in their respective segments, beginning in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The bill would require the regents and the trustees to each provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before February 1, 2006, on the proposed expenditure of the funds appropriated in this bill by the respective segments in the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) The sum of three million four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$3,440,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund for the 2005-06 fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) One million seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,720,000) to the Regents of the University of California for one-time expenditures for instructional equipment, classroom and laboratory renovations, curriculum development, and faculty recruitment.
- (2) One million seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,720,000) to the Trustees of the California State University for one-time expenditures for instructional equipment, classroom and laboratory renovations, curriculum development, and faculty recruitment.

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- (c) Pursuant to funding to be appropriated in the Budget Act of 2006, the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University shall increase, by at least 130, the number of full-time equivalent students in entry-level master's degree nursing programs in their respective segments, beginning in the 2006-07 fiscal year. This increased number of students shall be in addition to the number of master's nursing students in each segment in the 2005-06 fiscal year. Each segment may also increase the number of bachelor's nursing students.
- (d) The Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University shall each provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before February 1, 2006. These reports shall relate to the proposed expenditure of the funds appropriated in subdivision (a) by the respective segments in the 2005-06 fiscal year.
- SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make funding available in time for the beginning of the 2005-06 academic year, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.